

Date Mailed February 27, 1998

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company, for Authority to
Issue and Have Outstanding During 1998 Short-Term Indebtedness Not to
Exceed \$4,600,000

4280-SB-116

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company (NWE) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) on January 7, 1998, pursuant to ch. 184, Stats., for authority to issue and have outstanding during 1998 short-term indebtedness which at times will exceed 5 percent of the par value of outstanding securities, but which would not exceed \$4,600,000 principal amount.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices and activities of NWE. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from NWE in accordance with ss. 184.10(3) and 196.85(1), Stats., and s. PSC 5.05(2), Wis. Adm. Code. Anyone objecting to the proposed issuance must file a request for hearing with the Commission within 10 days of this notice.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lois Hubert, Electric Division, at (608) 267-3798.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission.

Susan E. Stratton
Administrator
Electric Division

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